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# 102 Ave. bike lane given the go-ahead

### Long-fought battle.

Coun. McKeen said he put forward funding motion due to 'demand from the community'



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Some consider it a long-fought battle, some have described it as long-needed in the downtown core, and now the 102nd Avenue bike lane is set to go ahead.

Council voted unanimously Wednesday afternoon to dedicate \$8.8 million for a stretch of bike infrastructure physically separated from motor-vehicle traffic from 96th Street to 136th Street.

"(Council) showed a lot of leadership in rebooting the city's bicycle infrastructure strategy and they decided to build, with this budget, two high-quality bike routes in central neighbourhoods where they're needed and where they

### Quoted

From a cycling and commuter perspective ... 102nd Avenue is a huge one."

Christopher Chan of the Edmonton Bicycle Commuters Society

will drive a high level of ridership when built," said Conrad Nobert, a member of the Edmonton Bike Coalition.

Coun. Scott McKeen put forth the motion to fund the previously unfunded project, saying the minute the budget came out and the 102nd Avenue bike lane had no dollars next to it, his inbox began to "ping."

"I brought this forward because of the demand from the community. The emerging generations — people in their 20s, 30s — are not as reliant on cars as my generation," he said. "They want to see council invest in this infrastructure to show that we get it."

Coun. Ben Henderson echoed his colleague's statements, adding that the bike lane will mean increased ridership to the downtown core.

"This will allow us to get

more people out there who want to use it," he said.

City administration is still early on in the consultation process for the proposed design of 102nd Avenue. Construction is estimated to begin in 2015 or 2016, after the public is consulted on a more detailed design, set to be released in the spring of 2015.

"From a cycling and commuter perspective — and when I say commuters I mean all commuters, not just cyclists — 102nd Avenue is a huge one," said Christopher Chan with the Edmonton Bicycle Commuters Society.

"Having full funding to build the highest quality of infrastructure that the communities wish for is really promising and is a message from council that: 'We do get it and we think this is a valuable part of the direction Edmonton is taking.'"

## RUNWAYS RIPPED OUT

Contractors use heavy equipment to rip out the former runways at the Blatchford redevelopment. The city plans to use the construction material to build new roads for the communities. Story, page 6.

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## Heritage Valley

### Council gives tentative commitment for park-and-ride

Century Park park-and-ride users might have to take a shuttle to get to Century Park LRT station, as council opted Wednesday to take early steps in funding a new parking lot in Heritage Valley.

Despite the decision, the plan is still in early stages — as funding from the province and a report from administration due back in the new year are still needed before plans are more concrete — with council allocating \$6.7 million out of this budget for a new parking lot and transit centre at 127th Street and Ellerslie Road. They dedicated an additional \$2 million for design.

With the city's land lease with the current Century Park and Ride set to expire in 2020, city administration urged council to consider their options now so planning and potentially construction could get started. "It doesn't make sense to wait another four-year capital cycle," said city manager, Simon Farbrother.

Coun. Michael Walters said the project is a "pressure point" as the lot with 1,100 parking spots already fills up by 6:45 a.m.

Councillors Ben Henderson and Amarjeet Sohi questioned if there is any data that supports whether riders would want to do the extra transfer onto a shuttle bus then onto the LRT, but city administration said nothing has been done in terms of using other Canadian cities as examples.

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A new decal has been installed on every Edmonton cab to allow users to track important information in case they have to file a complaint.

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# New decals installed to protect cab users

## Refusing fares. Top complaint for taxi cabs is avoiding certain drop-offs



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City officials want Edmontonians to pick up a new habit when they hail a cab: snap a photo.

Following a series of reports from taxi users of drivers refusing fares and other issues, the Edmonton's licensing authority started

installing decals in cabs that include key information the city needs when dealing with a complaint.

"We were getting reports about problematic taxi cabs and refusals and those types of things," said Garry Dziwenka, director of vehicle-for-hire and business licensing.

When city officials went to follow up with the complaints, they'd discover they were missing details like unit numbers and the taxi broker company's name.

As of Wednesday, every licensed cab in the city is now outfitted with the special decal, said Dziwenka, who

encouraged riders to snap a photo anytime they use a cab.

"Ninety-nine out of 100 times, you're not going to need it," he said. "But you've got it if you need it. That's the last thing you want to be fumbling for if you have an argument with a driver or something."

Edmonton bar owner Daniel Huber said he's noticed a disturbing trend in the city's cab service since the summer. He said he's noticed drivers cherry-picking their fares.

"I've seen it happen firsthand, and it's kind of getting a little disgusting,"

Huber said.

Dziwenka said the No. 1 complaint for city cabs lately is refusal of services for out-of-town destinations.

The city has three specific rules for when a cab can refuse service, he added: when they believe they might be in danger, their cab or property might be damaged or if they've been certified by the city to refuse dogs due to allergies.

Cab users who wish to file a complaint can email a photo of the decal to [vehicleforhire@edmonton.ca](mailto:vehicleforhire@edmonton.ca) with the time and date of the incident or call 780-496-5244.

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# Bill 10 doesn't represent LGBTQ students, says GSA member

**Schools.** Opposition wants to propose changes to bill that would legislate Gay-Straight Alliances

Special clubs to offer LGBTQ students a safe space in schools should be a right, not a privilege, says Edmonton high school student Zander Hartman.

Hartman, the head of Ross Sheppard High School's Gay-Straight Alliance, said the club gives students an outlet where they can safely talk about their own experiences and a new bill to legislate the clubs doesn't represent LGBTQ students at all.

Bill 10, which gives the final say on GSAs to the school boards, passed second reading

## Quoted

**"It really says something if kids have to go to a separate school to get the support they need."**

Zander Hartman, student at Ross Sheppard High School

Tuesday and is expected to hear third reading before the end of the fall session. On Wednesday, opposition parties announced they planned on proposing amendments to the legislature.

For Hartman, having access to a GSA was a life changer.

"Not having a GSA at a school, as a queer kid ... it was really tough to handle (school) with not having a safe space," said the 18-year-old.

The teen said the new bill is a departure from Bill 202, which was proposed by Liberal

MLAs to ensure each school has a GSA.

"Bill 10 is almost completely separate from (Bill 202) and it doesn't really represent LGBTQ students, which is what we need right now," said Hartman. "People defending it, saying it's anti-bullying, it doesn't really protect anyone."

While school boards maintain the right to final say on GSAs, the proposed bill allows students to fight the decision in court, which Hartman called ridiculous.

"To assume kids have the privilege to get a lawyer and go to court is really classist on its own and shows the flaws in the system," he said.

If the bill passes, Hartman said he would encourage anyone who didn't have access to a GSA in their own school to join a neighbouring one.

LEAH HOLOIDAY/METRO



Zander Hartman, 18, runs the GSA at Ross Sheppard High School in west Edmonton. LEAH HOLOIDAY/METRO

# Photo of skinny puppy sparks investigation



This photo taken by an Edmonton woman of an English bulldog puppy has been shared by more than 7,000 people online. CONTRIBUTED

Justine Elliot and her boyfriend were doing some Christmas shopping Monday night when they decided to swing by a pet store to check out some puppies.

What they saw made them do a double take.

Two young English bulldog puppies were displayed in the pet-store window, one looking emaciated with his skin pulled tight over his small ribcage.

Elliot and her boyfriend were both shocked by the puppies' appearance and decided to snap a photo and share it on a local animal-rescue page in

## By the numbers

# 7,921

The number of shares for the photos of the skinny puppy on Facebook.

hopes of gathering some advice on how to proceed.

Fast-forward to Wednesday, and the post had been shared more than 7,000 times on Facebook, and animal-protection officers from the Edmonton Human Society had launched an investigation into the matter.

Elliot said she didn't expect the feedback her post garnered, but she was inspired by how many people were moved.

"I know people are aware of puppy mills, but I don't think they realize ... it's still not illegal for pet stores to get these puppies from not-so-good breeders," she said.

Calls made by Metro to My Pets pet store in West Edmonton Mall for a comment on the animals' wellness were not returned Wednesday.

Elliot said a group of animal advocates will be gathering to protest animals purchased at

pet stores on Dec. 21 at West Edmonton Mall.

A spokesperson from EHS said officers routinely visit all pet stores in the city once a month, including My Pets, but will be investigating this specific case further.

"All information regarding our investigation will remain confidential; however, please note that we will not conclude a file until all concerns under the Animal Protection Act have been addressed and rectified appropriately," reads an EHS statement.

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# Infrastructure. Councillors vote in favour of funding Jasper Ave. upgrades

Jasper Avenue will be getting a facelift the community wants instead of the one the city proposed after councillors voted to change the project Wednesday.

Councillors voted to fund a proposed \$18.5-million rehab of the avenue from 109th Street to 124th Street but told administration it should include a redesign and street-scaping work.

Jarrett Campbell, president of the Oliver Community League, said they don't want the road simply repaired and put back as it was. He appealed

to council last week to make it more pedestrian friendly and safer.

"We needed to make sure that if we were going to put any money into (Jasper Avenue), they were going to do it right," said Campbell, after council's vote.

Council had considered an additional \$9 million in funding for the upgraded version of the road but pulled that back. Campbell said he doesn't believe the extra funding is essential and he's happy with what

they got.

"Realistically, we have \$18 million into the budget and that's a huge win for Oliver," he said.

Coun. Ben Henderson said it makes sense to build a street that welcomes pedestrians in a community the city is trying to encourage.

"This is the money to build this street right. To build the city that we say we want to build," he said, adding the basic rehab project would have been a waste. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO





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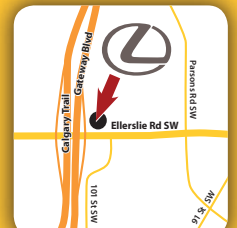
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Blatchford executive director Mark Hall stands in front of one of the massive piles of asphalt on the site. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

# Redevelopment starting green

**Blatchford.** Ripped-out runways, buildings to be repurposed for other developments



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Crews at the Blatchford redevelopment are ripping out the runways so they can be turned into roads, as the green development tries to start off on the right foot.

Contractors are working to rip out about a third of the two mile-long runways and are stockpiling the asphalt on site so it can be turned into roads in the new redevelopment.

"It's been a focus for our program from the beginning to use as much of it as we can in our project," said

Mark Hall, the city's executive director.

The crews are currently working on the asphalt over the runways, which is 70 centimetres thick in some places. After that is removed they will move onto the concrete sections.

Hall said so far everything the crews have found is in line with what they expected to find.

"What they're finding and what they knew from the beginning of the process is the depth of the runways changes as you go along it," he said.

Hall said just 20 per cent of the material they are excavating will be enough to build the roads in the new development, while the remaining 80 per cent will be available for the city to sell for other projects.

Six buildings on the site have also been removed

## Long term

The redevelopment is expected to bring 30,000 people to the former airport site when it's completed in 20 to 30 years.

to make way for the first phase of the development, which is expected to see its first residents late in 2016.

Hall said those will also be repurposed with two buildings actually being taken apart and rebuilt elsewhere in the region. He said even the buildings that had to be demolished aren't ending up in a landfill.

"With the first building that we took down we had almost 95 per cent of that material either reused or recycled," he said.

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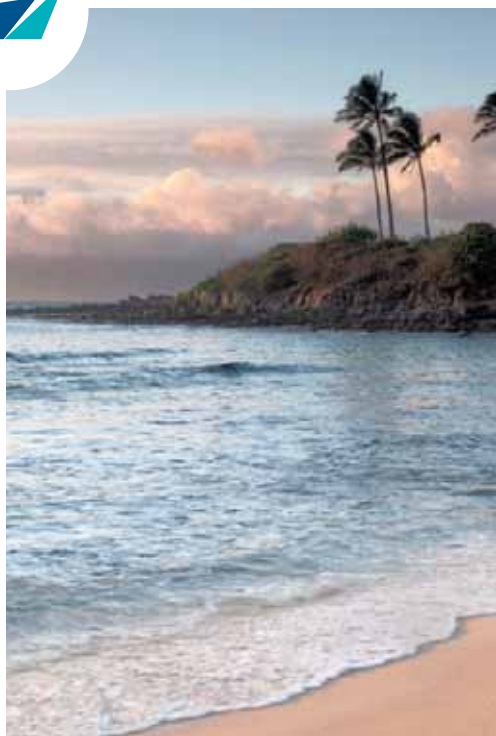


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## Lotto. AGLC warns against gambling gifts to minors

The Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission is reminding folks there's a minor problem with lottery tickets, and it's that parents and families are still gifting the gambling games to under-aged kids.

"Whether it's the holiday season, or any time of year, the AGLC wants Albertans to know that they shouldn't purchase lottery products for minors," said Bill Robinson, president and chief executive

officer of the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, in a release.

The AGLC said research shows nearly one-fifth of Alberta parents admitted to giving their child a lottery ticket as a holiday or birthday gift.

Their research shows giving kids lotto tickets can open up a dangerous world of gambling earlier in life, so sticking with socks may be the wisest gift-giving choice this season. **METRO**

## Calgary. Police absolved in ATV crash injury

An Alberta agency that investigates police says officers did not contribute to a crash involving a mentally disabled woman driving an ATV on a busy freeway.

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team says no charges will be laid.

The agency investigated after the 21-year-old woman was injured in Calgary in October. She had driven a quad off her family's property near Gleichen and onto a highway,

where she maintained speeds with other cars and swerved across lanes of traffic.

A Mountie followed her from a distance with emergency lights to hold back traffic.

Police in Calgary planned to catch her at a traffic stop but before they could, the woman lost control of the quad and hit a fence.

She was taken to hospital with serious injuries. ASIRT says she continues to recover at home. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Council funds suicide barrier for bridge

**High Level.** Advocates hope barrier will reduce number of deaths



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Suicide prevention was given a funding boost Wednesday, as city councillors approved a barrier for the High Level bridge.

The barrier, which council had asked the city to study after several family members of suicide victims came forward, was originally unfunded in the capital budget.

The proposed \$3-million rail would include new steel posts and mesh along the bottom along with tension cable over top of the railing.

Dan Klemke, who spoke to council earlier this year, lost his wife to a suicide on the bridge.

He said there are bigger

### Plans

Construction on the barrier is expected to take place in 2015.

issues of mental health that still need to be addressed, but this will serve as a moment of pause.

"There are some people who are just going to be very determined to not carry on, but I'm wise enough to know that some people make rash decisions in that moment," he said.

Coun. Scott McKeen said the funding would be a sound investment.

"Three million dollars is a small amount of money to spend to save these lives," he said.

Coun. Michael Oshry said the current bridge is simply unsafe and needs to be safer for everyone who uses it.

"This is our infrastructure that we inherited from over



This conceptual drawing shows what the proposed barrier could look like. **CONTRIBUTED**

100 years ago and the city has a responsibility to make sure our infrastructure is safe," he said.

Oshry said a barrier was

incredibly important.

"This is going to put some pause in and I think it will ultimately save a lot of lives," he said.

# Council agrees to boost funding for bike and pedestrian infrastructure

Mayor Don Iveson has been nothing short of "disappointed" that during his time as mayor, council has consistently had to "dig" the Active Transportation plan out of the budget "book" in hopes of funding it.

"I'm concerned that administration hasn't figured out that people on streets, people on transit and some-

times on bike is a sign of a healthy city," he said during budget deliberations. "To not put anything in it ... I've expressed my disappointment before."

That changed Wednesday when council voted unanimously to fund a third of the plan's proposed \$65.7-million request. The \$20 million now allocated will go towards

items like broken links on shared-use paths, curb cuts in neighbourhoods not set to get a revamp, and pedestrian infrastructure to make bus stops more accessible.

There are several added benefits to the local cycling culture, with five corrals and 50 bike racks to come forward due to the funding decision made Wednesday.

Bike safety improvements at intersections at up to five locations could also be funded under the \$20-million banner.

On the flip side, should there be any changes to existing bike infrastructure — like removing them — it would come out of this fund, said administration.

**STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO**





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## Nessa Deans. Local youth wins national award

Eleven-year-old Nessa Deans doesn't have boy bands or other teen heartthrobs on her bedroom wall — the Edmonton Grade 6 student has prime ministers.

Deans' political engagement doesn't end there however; she also volunteers on campaigns, attends council meetings and works with her community league. Her political involvement gained her a national award Wednesday night from Samara Canada.

The non-profit group awarded Deans their everyday political citizen youth award, which is designed to recognize people who get involved in their community.

"This is an attempt to celebrate that and move a little bit away from the cynicism that seems to pervade our discussion of our political leaders and public life," said Michael MacMillan, one of Samara's co-founders.

Deans competed against hundreds of other nominees and said winning the award



Nessa Deans stands at city hall before accepting her award Wednesday. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

was great.

"I'm happy and ecstatic," she said.

She said she's so involved in politics because she believes that otherwise, the voice of people her age might not be heard. "There are so many adults and even older children involved in politics, but I think it's a good idea to get a fresh and even younger view."

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

## Drug bust. Minister Tim Uppal's brother arrested

A junior federal cabinet minister's brother has been arrested in a drug bust.

Tim Uppal, minister of state for multiculturalism, said he found out about his brother's arrest through the media.

Uppal, who is the MP for Edmonton-Sherwood Park, also said that anyone found guilty of drug offences should "face the full force of the law."

Uppal's brother was arrested with three other men after Edmonton police searched three houses last

month and found drugs, guns, a Taser and cash.

Raymanpreet Singh Uppal, who is 28, faces a count of possession of an offensive weapon along with several drug-related charges.

Tim Uppal said in a statement that he's "always spoken out against drugs in our communities."

Police say they recovered two handguns and ammunition, a conductive energy weapon, cocaine, marijuana, hashish and about \$12,000 in cash.

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The Shivers will be in town for a modern-day British invasion. CONTRIBUTED

# The Shivers pay tribute to rock 'n' roll invasion

**British Invasion.** The British are coming!



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It's hard to believe this year marks the 50th anniversary of the British music invasion. The sounds, lyrics, and performances of legendary bands such as The Beatles, Rolling Stones, and The Who not only revolutionized the music industry but profoundly changed North American culture. Girls would be screaming, guys grew out their hair, and parents would cringe. Music, as entertainment, would never be the same.

A love for the revolutionary music era was all the inspiration Rob Mackroth needed to start The Shivers band.

Once part of a Beatles tribute band, Mackroth decided to take the musical homage even further.

"The idea came to me that instead of doing a band tribute, we could do a tribute to an era," he said. "We aren't mimicking a specific person; instead we have an alter-ego character on stage. Everyone adopts their accent and we operate under the premise we are a band from that time period but our friends whose tunes we are playing can't be there, so we take on the performance."

To make sure the audience really takes a trip down memory lane, Mackroth and his bandmates refuse to break character.

### Details

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 6.

- Admission ranges from \$30-\$34 from festival-place.ab.ca.
- The Shivers' show is an all-ages event.

"Even during the meet and greet, we keep in character. It's great when actual Brits come up to you asking how long you've been here. You think they are talking about life in the theatre and then realize they mean coming from overseas," Mackroth said. He then added: "But, the challenging thing is getting the vocals rights. Most of the guys in that era had excep-

tional ranges. We work hard to get the vocal and sounds just the way people remember."

On Dec. 6 at Festival Place (100 Festival Way) in Sherwood Park, The Shivers featuring local musicians Mark Sander, John Cooke, and Duke Paetz, Keith McTaggart, in addition to Mackroth, will be playing hit songs from some of Britain's most influential artists of the '60s and '70s.

"I just get amazed because no matter how long we have been doing shows, I see 10- to 12-year-olds singing along. It just seems to be generational. I don't like to sound old but there is a lot of stuff coming out today that we won't hear again in five years, let alone 50. And the stuff that is 50 years old doesn't sound like it is," said Mackroth.



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# Minister vows clarity on hospital repairs

Alberta's infrastructure minister promised Wednesday to make more information public following reports that the government is manipulating hospital repair priority lists for political gain.

"We will ensure that in any report where a consultant's view is disagreed with by Alberta Health or Alberta Infrastructure, the revised document — with reasons — for why the decision is disagreed to must be posted on-

line," Manmeet Bhullar told the house during question period.

A Postmedia series running this week details a backlog in hospital upgrades and repairs worth hundreds of millions, perhaps even as high as \$1 billion.

The stories detail how in recent years the government has changed how it rates hospital repairs to prevent valid year-to-year comparisons and to give the appearance hospi-

tals are in good shape.

The report also revealed that government officials sometimes ignore independent repair ratings and substitute them with their own in-house evaluations.

It found that of 18 hospitals that had their ratings changed to effectively give them a higher priority for repair, 14 were in ridings represented by the Progressive Conservatives and four were in ridings where the PCs

lost in close votes to the Opposition Wildrose in the last election.

NDP Leader Rachel Notley told reporters she has sent a letter to the auditor general to ask him to investigate the allegations of favouritism.

"This government is engaging in political manipulation of information around the state of disrepair with respect to Alberta's health-care infrastructure," said Notley.

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Alberta Health Services president and CEO Vickie Kaminski. METRO FILE

## Morale low at AHS: Survey

**Changes to be made.**  
CEO says survey shows that 'organizational vision' is needed



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Just over half of Alberta Health Services employees, and fewer than 4 in 10 physicians, say they are "engaged" in their jobs to the point that they feel pride in what they do and would recommend working for AHS to a friend.

That's according to a 2014 survey of tens of thousands of staff members within Alberta's public health-care system, the third such study AHS has undertaken in the past five years.

The results are largely similar to those from the 2012 survey, but an improvement from the 2010 survey, in which only about one third of employees and one quarter of doctors described themselves as engaged in their work.

AHS president and CEO Vickie Kaminski said Wednesday there were some signs of improvement in the detailed 2014 results but admitted that, on the whole, the massive organization has lots of work to do when it comes to morale.

"One of the main drivers of concern within the survey

### Nurses surveyed

The United Nurses of Alberta (UNA) surveys its own members' job satisfaction, and president Heather Smith said a key "temperature check" question is whether they would recommend nursing as a career to a family member.

- That number has gone down slightly in the past two UNA surveys, Smith said, and results from the latest AHS survey suggest there's still "a whole lot of work to do" on that front.
- The No. 1 issue for nurses working within AHS is workload, Smith said.

that we saw was the need for organizational vision," Kaminski said.

"People are saying we need some stability and we need the organization to have a vision before we're going to start to feel good about where we work."

The survey asked respondents to rate their level of agreement with a series of statements such as "I'm proud to tell others that I work for AHS" and "AHS inspires me to do my best work" and "I would recommend AHS to a friend as a great place to work."



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## Jean Béliveau was a 'role model to us all'

Serge Laflamme lights a candle at a statue of Jean Béliveau on Wednesday in Longueuil, Que. The Montreal Canadiens hockey legend passed away Tuesday at the age of 83. On his death, he was remembered as a "legend" and a "role model to us all." Tributes poured in from the hockey world and from political leaders after the Canadiens announced that perhaps their best player ever, and certainly their greatest captain, had died. "He was a hero to generations of his fellow French Canadians and hockey fans everywhere. Our sport has lost a great ambassador," said Canadiens owner and president Geoff Molson.

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# Prostitution law comes on anniversary of massacre

**Dec. 6.** Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre is also a nationwide day of action on violence against women

It's "sick and twisted" that Canada's controversial new prostitution bill comes into force on a day dedicated to eradicating violence against women, says one of the women behind a successful court challenge of the old laws.

The new legislation, known as the Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act, comes into force on Saturday, Dec. 6, which is also the National Day of Remembrance

and Action on Violence Against Women.

The day — the anniversary of the shooting deaths of 14 women at Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal at the hands of gunman Marc Lépine — has evolved into an occasion to commemorate all female victims of violence.

Those who work in the sex industry have expressed their disdain for the new prostitution laws, which they fear will result in more victims, not fewer.

"I think that it's a really sick and twisted day for it to happen," said Valerie Scott, one of three women behind the landmark Supreme Court case that declared Canada's legislation on prostitution unconstitutional.

"That day should not solely

### Sensitivity issue?

**"I'm sure if they had thought about it, they might have picked another date, if they were a bit sensitive."**

NDP justice critic Francoise Boivin

be for women who were murdered by Marc Lépine, it should also be for women who were murdered by Robert Pickton," said Scott.

Pickton, a B.C. pig farmer, was convicted almost exactly seven years ago for the gruesome murders of six prostitutes, and had been charged in the deaths of 20 others.

The case was among those

referenced by the Supreme Court last year when it struck down Canada's prostitution laws, arguing that they deprived sex workers of the ability to work safely.

The decision gave the government one year to establish new laws. The new bill was introduced June 4, reviewed by both the House of Commons and Senate and granted royal assent on Nov. 6.

By the bill's own terms, it was slated to come into effect 30 days after that — which is how Dec. 6 came to be the date.

"We do not control the passage of bills in the Senate, nor when a bill receives royal assent," said Clarissa Lamb, a spokeswoman for Justice Minister Peter MacKay.

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## Mulcair endorses stricter rules for firearms



NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair  
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A New Democrat government would ensure police are able to track every firearm in Canada, but would also seek to avoid the pitfalls that made the now-defunct long-gun registry so controversial, Tom Mulcair said Wednesday.

The NDP leader disputed the Conservative government's contention that gun registration is an unfair, onerous requirement for law-abiding gun

owners.

"I have nothing against seeing honest farmers and duck hunters be able to have their weapons," Mulcair said outside an NDP caucus meeting. "But, you know, that honest hunter who goes out with his pickup truck, it's a registered pickup truck ... the trailer's registered and the 4X4 is registered. Heck, his dog is registered."

New Democrats "have confi-

dence in the ability of farmers and duck hunters to fill out a form," he added. While farmers and hunters are entitled to own firearms, Mulcair suggested there must be strict limits.

"What kind of duck do you hunt with an assault weapon? A pterodactyl?"

There's no reason a system of tracking firearms has to go "overboard," Mulcair said.

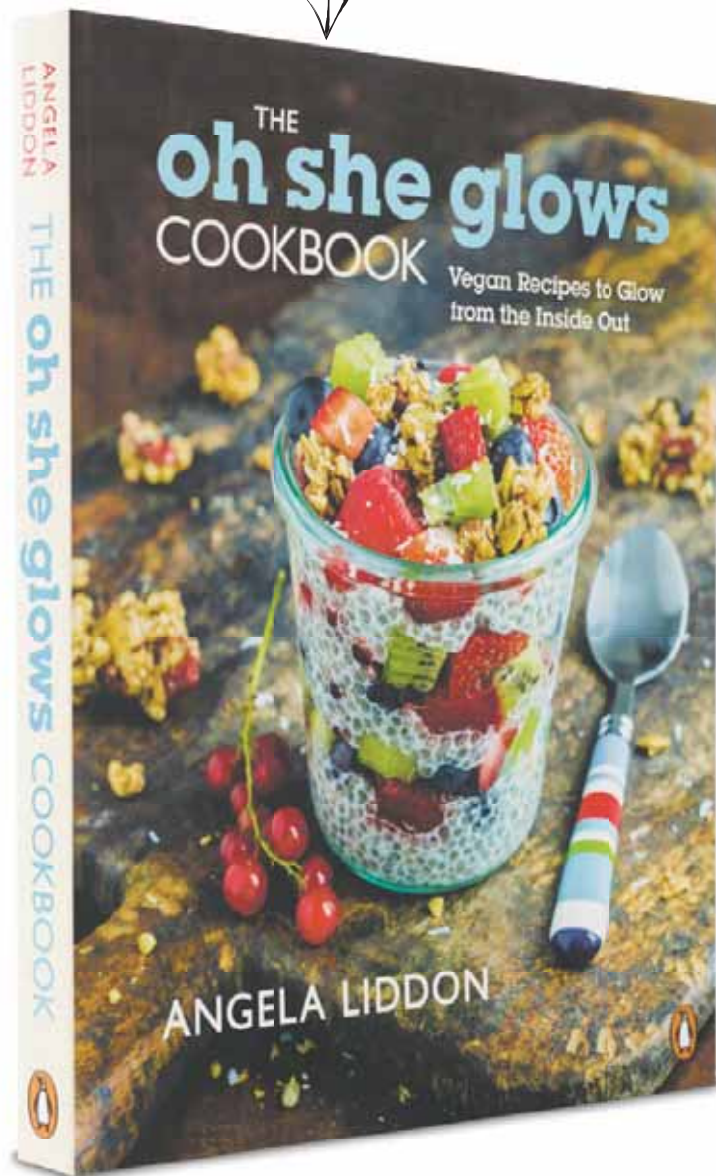
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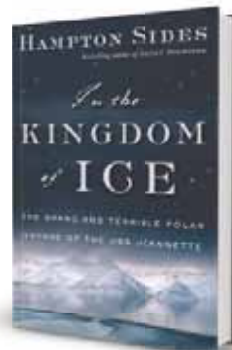
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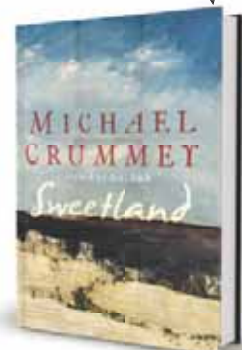
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# AMMI Canada to object to Lyme bill

An organization representing Canada's infectious-diseases specialists plans to raise objections to a private member's bill on Lyme disease at a Senate committee hearing.

Their concern: the bill's preamble appears to support the notion that significant numbers of people in Canada are suffering from a condition they believe to be chronic Lyme disease and that these individuals are being failed

by a medical system that refuses to accept that diagnosis, leaving sick people to suffer.

The organization, the Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (AMMI) Canada, is hoping to persuade the committee to strip three paragraphs from the preamble to the bill, saying it can support the rest of the document.

But Green Party Leader Elizabeth May, who proposed

the bill, says that isn't possible at this stage.

May, an MP for the British Columbia riding of Saanich-Gulf Islands, says the preamble cannot be altered without sending the bill back to the House of Commons. And that, she says, would effectively kill the bill; there would not be enough time for it to make its way back through Parliament before next fall's election.

The fear held by infectious-disease specialists is that in criticizing the existing guidelines developed over several years to diagnose Lyme disease, the bill tacitly supports an alternative method that an independent review — commissioned by Britain's Health Protection Agency — found to not provide a sound, empirical approach to Lyme disease diagnosis and care.

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Jeopardy champions Ken Jennings, left, and Brad Rutter, right, look on as the IBM computer called Watson beats them during a practice round.

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## Students test out Watson

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University of Toronto students designed electronic paralegal program using IBM's Jeopardy-winning A.I.



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Need a shoulder to cry on during your divorce? Or, how about some advice for you next legal battle? Never fear, Watson is here.

Students at the University of Toronto are putting the famous Jeopardy-playing super-computer to work.

Last spring, IBM partnered with 10 schools, challenging them to put an entrepreneurial spin on Watson's artificial intelligence. U of T was the only Canadian institution invited, and students were tasked with pitching a business model combining Watson with legal data. "There's a ton of money to be made in law. It's all about helping lawyers reduce their research time," said computer science professor Paul Gries.

Ideas included Divorcesay, an online app that guides you through the legal process of getting a divorce, as well as Loom, which mines court data to determine the likelihood your case will succeed. The program predicted, for example, that a current legal bid to force the Canadian Hockey League to pay players a minimum wage has a 68 per cent chance of success.

The winning team, announced Wednesday, pitched a product called Ross, an "electronic paralegal" aimed at assisting lawyers with case research. In January, the team will fly to New York to compete

against nine other schools for a chance to win \$100,000 in seed capital.

"This is just the first step," said Jimoh Ovbiagale, a U of T student and member of the team headed stateside. "Our ultimate goal is to build a great Canadian company."

At its core, Watson is a computer program that can make sense of natural language. It can ingest large amounts of text, process it and use it to answer questions. During its run on Jeopardy, for example, it read the entirety of Wikipedia and used that data to correctly answer clues.

"From an artificial intelligence point of view, it's almost impossible. Only IBM, with millions of dollars in investment, could make something like Watson," said Steve Engels, a U of T professor and one of the event's organizers.

### Quoted

**"When we first got Watson, it was like a baby. We had to feed it and train it ... and then over the course of the year, it became an adult."**

Amy Jie Jin Sha, a member of the Divorcesay team

Sven Dickinson, chair of the university's computer science department, said the Watson Challenge taught students valuable business skills that will serve them well even if they don't go on to launch start-ups.

"The fact is that our students are likely to be recruited by start-ups. It's going to be important for them to be able to evaluate the offer in front of them when they are," said Tim Capes, one of the business mentors brought on board for the program.





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## Mamma mia: New Mona Lisa theory

**Leonardo da Vinci.**  
Italian historian speculates renowned face could be artist's mother, who may have been a Chinese slave

An Italian historian's theory that Mona Lisa might be a Chinese slave and Leonardo da Vinci's mother — making the 15th-century polymath half-Chinese — sent online commentators into a frenzy Wednesday.

Angelo Paratico, a Hong Kong-based historian and novelist from Italy, told the South China Morning Post: "On the back of Mona Lisa, there is a Chinese landscape and even her face looks Chinese."

Chinese web users expressed astonishment and disbelief Wednesday, posting dozens of parodies of the painting.

Little is known about Caterina, the mother of the artist, writer, mathematician and inventor. The identity of the sitter for the portrait hanging in Paris' Louvre museum has long been a matter of debate.

Paratico, who is finishing a book entitled Leonardo da Vinci: A Chinese Scholar Lost in Renaissance Italy, cited Austrian neurologist Sigmund Freud's 1910 assumption that the painting was inspired by the artist's mother.

"One wealthy client of Leonardo's father had a slave called Caterina. After 1452, Leonardo's date of birth, she disappeared from the documents," he told the paper.

Many posters on China's Twitter-like Sina Weibo were incredulous.

"I'm so sad that you



The Portrait of Mona Lisa, painted by Leonardo da Vinci, is seen in the Louvre Museum. A historian suggests da Vinci's mother, whom he says might have been a slave from China, inspired the painting.

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thought I'm a foreigner!" wrote one, with an image of a frowning Mona Lisa holding two rolls of toilet paper and blowing her nose.

"I'd rather be from wherever I am loved."

Another user replaced her features with unlikely faces ranging from Chinese male comedian Zhao Benshan to British actor Rowan Atkinson to a grimacing robot holding a Mona Lisa mask.

The topic had been viewed more than four million times and triggered 160,000 postings by midday Wednesday.

### Evidence

The evidence for a Chinese connection appears to be slight, with Paratico saying he was sure "up to a point" that da Vinci's mother was from the Orient. "To make her an oriental Chinese, we need to use a deductive method," he added.

"I now understand why her smile looks so mysterious and concealed — it's typically Chinese," said another poster. **AFP**

## A.I. Prof. Hawking warns that artificial intelligence could end the human race

Physicist Stephen Hawking has warned that the rise of artificial intelligence could see the human race become extinct.

In an interview with the BBC, the scientist said that while "primitive forms" of artificial intelligence have proved useful, if the technology is developed to a level that can surpass humans, it "could

spell the end of the human race."

He said that advanced artificial intelligence would "take off on its own and redesign itself at an ever-increasing rate."

Human biological evolution will not be able to compete and "would be superseded," he said in the interview Tuesday.

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## Brown case. Stepfather apologizes for comments

The stepfather of Michael Brown has apologized for angry comments he made after the grand jury decided not to indict the police officer who killed his unarmed 18-year-old stepson but said his remarks had nothing to do with the arson and looting that ravaged Ferguson and the surrounding area.

Police said Tuesday they are investigating Louis Head's

comments as part of a broader inquiry into the arson, vandalism and looting that followed the announcement of the grand jury decision on Nov. 24. Brown's death inflamed racial tensions in the Missouri city of Ferguson and fuelled a debate over relations between law enforcement and black communities across the country.

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## Egypt. Gov't to criminalize insulting the uprisings

Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi has said his office is drafting a law to criminalize insulting the uprisings that toppled then-president Hosni Mubarak in 2011 and his Islamist successor Mohammed Morsi last year.

The move intends to ease concerns on both sides of a widening rift over whether the two popular movements expressed the genuine will of Egyptians.

The dispute was further stoked by a judge's dismissal last weekend of a murder case against Mubarak over the killing of protesters.

Just what would constitute an insult however was unclear, as was the time frame for the legislation's implementation. Such a law, however, would infringe on the freedom of expression guaranteed by the nation's new constitution.

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# Two more women accuse Bill Cosby of sex abuse



Attorney Gloria Allred, left, speaks at a press conference with Chelan, right, an alleged victim of Bill Cosby, on Wednesday in Los Angeles, Calif. Cosby has been accused of sexual assault by approximately 20 women.

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**Press conference.**  
The pair have never spoken about their experiences: Attorney

Three women who claim they were victimized by Bill Cosby appeared at a Wednesday afternoon news conference called by attorney Gloria Allred.

Allred wrote in a news release that she will propose a way the women can "obtain justice" despite statutes of limitations that would prevent criminal or civil cases from being filed.

Two of the women have never spoken about their experiences with Cosby, Allred wrote. The third woman was prepared to testify against Cosby to support another woman's 2005 lawsuit claiming sexual assault in Pennsylvania. Cosby settled that lawsuit before it went to trial.

The press conference comes a day after a sexual-battery lawsuit was filed by Judy Huth, a Southern California woman who claims the comedian molested her in a bedroom of the Playboy Mansion around 1974 when she was 15 years old.

Huth's lawsuit states she became aware of the psychological damage of the incident recently. Under California law, adult victims who suffered childhood sexual abuse can file lawsuits within three years of when they discover the abuse caused significant psychological trauma.

In recent weeks, more than a dozen women have accused Cosby of drugging and sexually abusing them. Cosby's lawyer, Marty Singer, did not respond to requests for comment on Wednesday, though Cosby's lawyers previously have issued statements characterizing some of the claims as previously discredited and others as untrue. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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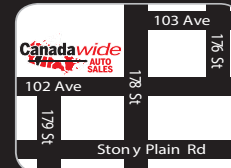
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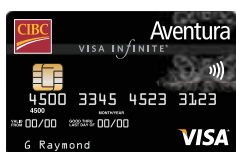
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# Bell takes on Netflix

**CraveTV.** Bell is offering a new streaming service for about half the price of rivals Netflix and Shomi

Bell's streaming competitor to Netflix and Shomi will launch to "TV lovers" next week at about half the price.

But it requires a TV subscription with Bell, Eastlink or

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CraveTV will become available on Dec. 11 for \$4 a month, with access to more than 300 titles, including *The Big Bang Theory*, *Corner Gas*, *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, *Entourage*, *Homeland*, *Orphan Black*, *Seinfeld*, *Sex and the City*, *The Sopranos* and *The Wire*.

The content will be available through the TV providers' set-top boxes, at CraveTV.ca and on Apple and Android mobile devices.

Bell Media president Kevin Crull said the company isn't contractually blocked from offering CraveTV to so-called cord cutters or cord nevers, who don't pay for a TV subscription.

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## Top court hears pregnancy discrimination case

Peggy Young (in foreground), a Virginia woman who lost her UPS job because she became pregnant, leaves the U.S. Supreme Court after the court heard arguments in her case Dec. 3 in Washington, D.C. The Supreme Court is weighing how much employers must do to accommodate pregnant workers under a federal law aimed at combating discrimination against them. UPS refused to give Young temporary light-duty work so she could avoid lifting heavy packages after she became pregnant in 2006. WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY IMAGES

## Energy East project

### Pipeline concerns narrowed down

Ontario's concerns about the environmental impact of the proposed Energy East pipeline narrowed considerably Wednesday following a meeting between premiers Kathleen Wynne and Jim Prentice.

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## VOICES

# HOUSING AS A HUMAN RIGHT

Do people have a constitutional right to adequate housing? The Court of Appeal for Ontario recently ruled that this is a matter for governments to decide, not courts, but advocates plan to take their fight to the Supreme Court of Canada. Metro staff from across the country talked to housing-rights champions for their take:



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The distinction the judge in this case made between the role of the courts and the role of the legislature is an important one, says Stacy Douglas, assistant professor of Law and Legal Studies at Carleton University.

"It rests on an idea, central to our democracy, that parliament makes law, and courts merely ensure that this law is being upheld," she said. "However, this is an increasingly grey area as our law continues to change and transform to accommodate demands, for example, for socio-economic rights."

"The appellants in this case are claiming that the overall approach of the government

has led to conditions that violate their rights to adequate housing. (But) because there is no constitutional right to housing and because there is no otherwise stated standard for them to use to evaluate governmental policy, the courts claim it must be a matter for the legislature."

As for whether an absence of government action can be considered a violation of constitutional rights, Douglas said "the law is constantly changing, and judges should be very careful about deciding too swiftly what is justiciable and what isn't. Something that is unacceptable today may very well be acceptable tomorrow."

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### Nova Scotia

Jim Graham,  
program co-ordinator,  
Affordable Housing  
Association of Nova Scotia

#### Thoughts on the ruling?

I'm not surprised at all.... It's more of a policy issue than a charter issue.

#### Why should Canada care?

We live in a subarctic climate. If you're not adequately housed in the wintertime, you die. (Also) research demonstrates that ... secure housing is a foundation that you absolutely need if you're going to pursue better health, better education, better quality of life, period.

#### What unique challenges does your community face?

There's a lack of adequate affordable housing, and the shelter component is reasonably low.

#### What policy changes would you like to see?

To have the provincial government ... find policies that increase the supply of truly affordable housing, whether that's acquisition, refurbish, whether it's build some more, whether it's deeper rent subsidies.

### British Columbia

DJ Larkin,  
lawyer,  
Pivot Legal Society

#### Thoughts on the ruling?

Obviously we're disappointed.... When it comes to fundamental rights, like the right to life and security of the person ... that's not a policy decision. It's extremely clear in international law and in Canada's legal obligations that there is some obligation to make sure that people are housed and safe.

#### Why should Canada care?

We're one of the only rich countries that doesn't have a national housing plan.... This is the most fundamental thing that you must ensure for a healthy society.

#### What unique challenges does your community face?

Vancouver (has) an increased number of unsheltered, homeless people on our streets. We're also struggling with very, very fast gentrification in our Downtown Eastside ... and people who relied on this neighbourhood as their last stop before homelessness are now being pushed out.

### Manitoba

Clark Brownlee,  
co-ordinator,  
Right to Housing Coalition

#### Thoughts on the ruling?

It should've been passed ... and they should've been allowed to at least table their documents in support of Canadians who are homeless. I think it was a gutsy thing to take the rights to housing to court.

#### Why should Canada care?

From a purely economic standpoint, it costs more by far to have a homeless person live on the streets than in housing. It's a humanitarian issue outside of the rights issue.

#### What policy changes would you like to see?

I would like to see the federal government get back into funding social housing — the way they did for years. They stopped it in the early '90s in order to balance their budget. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation makes millions of dollars of profit every year that just goes into the federal coffers, which needs to go back into making social and affordable housing available to all Canadians. We don't need to have homelessness in this country.

### Alberta

Tim Richter,  
president & CEO,  
Canadian Alliance to  
End Homelessness

#### Thoughts on the ruling?

This is a bump in the long road to achieving housing rights in Canada.

#### Why should Canada care?

Housing is one of the basic preconditions upon which all other rights are built. People trapped in homelessness are not free — they are wards of largely dysfunctional systems that breed dependence on others for food, shelter, safety. There can be no right to life if your health is compromised by lack of adequate housing.

Interviews compiled by  
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## From refrigerated freebies to parking fundraisers: Initiatives from around the world to help the homeless

### Saudi Arabia

#### Take at your leisure



A man in Saudi Arabia installed a fridge outside his home to allow homeless people to seek food without begging. Good Samaritans are welcome to help stock the fridge.

### The Vatican

#### Shower in the Square

The Vatican is installing public restrooms with showers in St. Peter's Square to cater to homeless men and women. The idea came after the Pope's chief almsgiver met a homeless man who said he could always find food but never a place to wash himself.

### France

#### Gym doubles as dorm

French advocacy group Not Without A Roof provides overnight shelter for homeless families by allowing them to sleep in the gym of their children's school. Eight schools offer shelter to more than 100 students.



### Worldwide

#### Safe place to put your stuff

Several cities around the world, including New York City and Lisbon, provide lockers to their homeless citizens. There are strict rules pertaining to their use, including not using them for shelter.

### U.S.A.

#### Park and donate

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# Turning the page on family

**Interview.** Alan Cumming details his difficult childhood in a memoir, and says he's now at ease with missing out on being a dad

When Scottish actor Alan Cumming was 28, he endured an episode he's come to believe was a nervous breakdown — or, as he memorably refers to it in his new memoir, a Nervy B.

He was eight years into a marriage to actress Hilary Lyon and the couple was trying to have a child. As parenthood loomed and Cumming became increasingly swallowed by anxiety, he started to realize he hadn't quite escaped the dark shadow of his own father.

As documented in *Not My Father's Son*, the Tony Award-winning actor was raised by a mercurial terror who subjected Cumming and his brother, Tom, to a routine of jarring physical violence and withering verbal criticism.

Then 28 years old and considering the reality of fatherhood for the first time, Cumming worried about a cycle of violence. Now 49 and still childless, Cumming says he remains vigilant for echoes of his deceased dad. "I'm not a father, and I've chosen not to be now," he said during an interview in Toronto this week. "Sometimes if I get annoyed with a child, or even my dogs, I sort of think: 'Oh gosh.' I sometimes check myself."

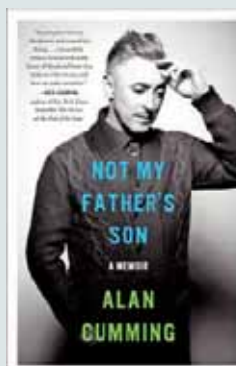
"That will never go away — that worry," he added. "Because I am my father's (son). I have madness on both sides of my family. Let's face it. It's a miracle I'm functioning."

Although Cumming just worked the book's title into



Alan Cumming's acting résumé is robust. He's pursued an unusually eclectic career onscreen with notable roles in the likes of *X-Men 2*, *GoldenEye*, *Eyes Wide Shut*, the *Spy Kids* franchise, *Romy and Michele's High School Reunion*, *Circle of Friends*, and, recently, *The Good Wife*, as resourceful and excitable campaign manager Eli Gold. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Daddy dearest?



In one of many chilling memories from his memoir, Cumming writes about his father flying into a rage over his supposedly shaggy hair. His dad dragged him by the scruff of his neck for dozens of yards, threw him across a workbench and shaved his head roughly with a pair of rusty clippers he usually used to shear sheep.

conversation casually, it's actually quite a loaded statement for the multi-hyphenate star — one that launched a "crazy summer" that served as the setting for Cumming's memoir.

It was 2010, and Cumming was participating in the British genealogy documentary *Who Do You Think You Are?* As he was preparing to climb his family tree, he fell into contact with his father for the first time in more than a decade.

His dad was dying of cancer and had troubling news for his family: Alan Cumming, he was certain, was not actually his son but instead the product of an extramarital affair pursued by Cumming's beloved mother.

Just as he was reeling from

this revelation, Cumming was reaching profound conclusions in his documentary-aided investigation into the mysterious death of his maternal grandfather, a British soldier named Tommy Darling who had disappeared into a life in Malaysia marked in equal measure by honour and havoc. Cumming documents the dual familial probes in sometimes alternating chapters in his tightly focused memoir. And he does eventually find out whether his own father was telling the truth — but it would spoil the book to reveal that answer here.

For a long time the actor was uncharacteristically terse on the topic of his father. In the U.K., where Cumming's life has long been a subject of interest to the tabloid press, it had been established that Cumming and his father were estranged but the reasons why were somewhat blurry.

Even those closest to Cumming were stunned to read his account of a childhood spent weathering a campaign of psychological cruelty and intimidation. "My friends are shocked," said Cumming, nattily clad in a royal blue dress shirt and black vest.

Considerations of parenthood lingered for Cumming, by the way, beyond that anxious time in his 20s.

Now, however — months away from his 50th birthday and years into his marriage to longtime partner Grant Shaffer — Cumming has confidently closed the book on fatherhood.

"I did want to do that, and I really don't now," he said. "I think I got older and I got content. And I don't want to change that. I'm content. So I don't think a child is something that I need to fulfil me anymore."

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# Author knows food is where the heart is

## Cooking up stories.

The Hundred-Foot Journey writer Richard Morais says meals are like home for nomads like himself

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There is a literal trip in The Hundred-Foot Journey, with the clashing French and Indian restaurants separated by exactly 100 feet. In the modern world, most people are making that same journey, though often much farther, for school or jobs or marriage.

For author Richard Morais, the son of an American mother and Portuguese father who grew up in Switzerland, food is something that's become a way to feel at home anywhere.

"People always say, 'You've travelled around the world, where is home?' Well, honestly, I've gotten to the point

that home is anywhere I am getting a meal and sharing it with family and friends," he says over dinner at White Street, the recently opened Tribeca restaurant of chef Floyd Cardoz, who created the dishes featured in the novel's film adaptation.

"That's as close to home as I'm ever gonna get, because most of us are nomads, we're a mishmash of cultures, and we're getting more and more mobile."

In the movie, available on DVD and On Demand this week, young Indian chef Hassan Kadam (Manish Dayal) cooks his way into the esteem of Michelin-starred restaurant owner Madame Mallory (Helen Mirren), whose emotional journey is the title's metaphorical meaning.

Cooking is Hassan's passion, but also a way to preserve and share his heritage after his family was driven out of India and made their new home in the south of France.

Cooking food with that kind of significance can be

an emotional experience — "When you are homesick, the thing you crave most and first is food," Morais points out. And sometimes, necessity can be the mother of great inventions. One of his favourites: balti spice.

When the first wave of Bangladeshi, Pakistani and Indian immigrants arrived in the English midlands, "they of course were homesick for

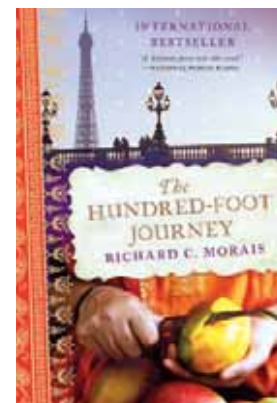
their flavours, and of course they couldn't get all the spices they had in India in Manchester," Morais says. "So they recreated a spice called balti with what was available in England."

The regional blend inspired its own cuisine, with restaurants known as balti houses serving traditional dishes like vindaloos and stews but made with this new kind of spice.

Morais recommends using it on roast pork.

One dish that makes him nostalgic is codfish, which recalls memories of his father's rare but cherished home-cooked meals.

"He's sort of macho, Portuguese background, not very verbally demonstrative, but he adored his children, and how he would (show) it was through the food," Morais re-



calls. "One of the things that he would do is each of us, on our birthdays, could pick our meal, and so he would go out and make whatever we asked."


"So I was torturing the poor man, I would say, 'I want pheasant,' so we would have to go out and get a pheasant and cook a pheasant."

## Food at the holiday table


While a holiday gathering can be a great reason for people who may otherwise not see eye-to-eye to set aside their differences, Morais doesn't recommend pushing your luck with the food. "Often it's so stressful and people are so tired," he says. "I think the lower-key meals are the ones where the real magic happens." Another piece of advice: Leave fusion cuisine to the professionals. Morais still remembers a dish by chef Floyd Cardoz, a barbecue pulled pork-style lamb seasoned with Indian spices. "It was exquisite; it was the perfect fusion. Now, sometimes fusion doesn't work — it tastes like two warring plates — but when it works, it's sublime."



The Hundred-Foot Journey is out on DVD and On Demand this week. CONTRIBUTED



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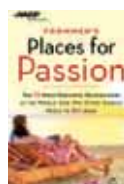
## Four books to gift the traveller

In addition to being present-worthy, these books would make a nice addition to your own coffee-table collection — they're useful for trip planning and could serve as inspiration for your travel dreams.

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### Places for Passion

Places for Passion: The 75 Most Romantic Destinations in the World by Pepper Schwartz and Janet Lever (Frommer's) offers inspiration for couples' getaways from sophisticated cities and exotic destinations to beaches, resorts and outdoor adventures around the world.



### World's Best Cities

World's Best Cities: Celebrating 220 Great Destinations (National Geographic) is a gorgeously illustrated hardcover book that offers an inviting glance at cities around the world, along with curated lists of best cities in various categories.



### You Only Live Once

You Only Live Once: A Lifetime of Experiences for the Explorer in All of Us (Lonely Planet) is a lavishly illustrated hardcover that describes experiences rather than places, from tasting the world's hottest chili peppers to the best birding, safaris, train rides and castles.



### Travel: The Guide

Travel: The Guide by Doug Lansky (ebook, hardcover). "This guide won't provide hotel suggestions, give you packing tips, or tell you where to go," Lansky writes. "Instead, this book aspires to hold a mirror up to our travel behaviour."





Ed Sheeran ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Cuddly, ginger and British, Ed Sheeran is the top dog at Spotify. Sorry, Taylor

Who's the undisputed king of online music? Ed Sheeran is.

The cuddly British ginger was the most-streamed artist in 2014, according to Spotify, with a staggering 860 million individual streams of his songs.

And his album, X, was the most-streamed album globally, with 430 million listens.

I guess that month I spent streaming the Flash Gordon soundtrack on repeat didn't make as much of an impact

as I'd hoped. And, of course, there's no mention of Spotify-ditching Taylor Swift in the report, so maybe Sheeran's win should come with an asterisk.

Now, for some truly terrifying numbers: Spotify's more than 50 million registered users streamed more than seven billion hours of music this year — adding up to about 800,000 years of music and maybe a few annoying audiobook ads.

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### The Word



## Gaga isn't Swift's lover, but she's into it if Taylor is



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During a recent visit to Howard Stern's radio show, Lady Gaga set the record straight about her and another pop music titan. Stern pressed Gaga with, "Someone called in and said that you are now a lover of Taylor Swift's, that the two of you are making love to one another."

That guy, such a way with

words. Anyway, Gaga insists there's nothing of the sort going on — although she'd be totally down if Swift wanted to give it a whirl.

"I don't think she would be into that," Gaga replied, adding later, "If she's into that, she can call me."

In a totally Gaga move, the Bad Romance singer revealed she likes Swift because Swift listens to her music, a piece of info Gaga picked up from a stylist they share. According to Gaga, Swift "was doing a shoot and he was in there styling her ... and he goes, 'Taylor Swift is in here blasting Artpop so loud, and she is dancing and she is posing,' and I said to myself, 'I like this girl.'"

### Twitter



@idinamenzel

I'm in awe of the moms who drop their kids off at school and actually put on a cute outfit. Pjs and biker boots for me.



@ABFalecbaldwin

I want to be ambassador to Spain. I was actually, on a soap opera.



@ConanOBrien

As we get closer and closer to the end of this tweet, I think it's important that we lower our expectations.



Michael Fassbender

## Seems Michael is sweet on a surfing Swede

There's a new target for the jealous ire of all the Michael Fassbender fans out there, and her name is Alicia Vikander. Fassbender and the Swedish actress are reportedly dating after playing husband and wife in

the upcoming film *The Life Between Oceans*. They've most recently been seen out surfing together in Australia, which I guess constitutes a date. While reps for Fassbender and Vikander declined to comment, there's always an anonymous source willing to chime in: "Michael and Alicia are casually dating, spending a lot of time together," the source tells E! News.

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# The Daily Dish



## COUPLE CAN'T STAY OUT OF THE KITCHEN



In a twist of fate, a local couple can't stop the urge to stay home and cook dinner after switching to new OxiClean™ Dishwasher Detergent Paks. Amy of Grand Prairie told The Daily Dish "I can honestly say WOW." And the switch didn't just impress Amy,

*"Even my husband notices the difference!"\**

— Amy, Grand Prairie

"even my husband notices the difference!"\* after discovering that his tough, baked on messes came out sparkling clean. Seeing the difference in how clean their dishes came out has led to a new sparkle from their dishes, and their meals together.

## Mothers agree cleaner dishes save time, and their nails.



Mothers rejoiced today as it was announced that using a combination of OxiClean™ Extreme Power Crystals™ Dishwasher Detergent Paks and OxiClean™ Dishwashing 2-in-1 Booster + Rinse Agent has finally made dishes clean enough to eat off of. "This is a big win for nails everywhere" said one local woman who is no stranger to chipping baked on dirt off of cookware. Manicurists in the area have yet to comment on the matter.

## Cleaning is now child's play

After a turn of events, a suburban mom is 4X happier after switching to OxiClean™ Extreme Power Crystals™ Dishwasher Detergent Paks. Seeing how easy and effective they are, without having to pre-wash, has not only cut down chore time and improved dish conditions, but also



"allows me to spend more of my time with the kids instead of scrubbing dirty dishes," the mother dished. Since the switch, Noelle is spending less time in the kitchen and more time with her little ones.

All stories depicted within this advertisement are fictional in nature. \*Quotes are from real consumer reviews submitted for OxiClean™ Extreme Power Crystals™ Dishwasher Detergent Paks and OxiClean™ Dishwashing 2-in-1 Booster + Rinse Agent on ChickAdvisor.com as of November 21, 2014. Reviewers received free product sample.

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## The boys of the bash

There's no need for a simple two-button navy blue affair this holiday season. Whether you're picking something new for a party or on the hunt for the perfect present for a sartorially savvy friend, here's our pick of the season's best suiting with a fun, festive edge.

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### Auld Lang Syne

This Black Watch tartan tuxedo jacket is perfect for adding a little extra fun to formal occasions. The matching wool trousers (\$265) are by no means a must, but hey, why not? It's the most wonderful time of the year!



J. Crew Ludlow Tuxedo Jacket in Black Watch, \$525, jcrew.com

### Holiday blues

As ever, H&M, the high-street brand, has some fun options. Try this cotton-blend blazer in an Oxford weave for an elegant light-blue solution to the Christmas party conundrum. Wear it with a thin knit or polo neck for a chic look.



H&M Slim-fit Oxford-weave Blazer, \$69.95, hm.com/ca

### Denim tailoring

This washed denim sport coat can be paired with a pair of crisp, white trousers for a very modern take on a classic suit look.



Brooks Brothers Washed Denim Sport Coat, \$238.80, brooksbrothers.com

### Joining fashionable forces



### Theory x Mr Porter menswear capsule on sale now

Theory has designed a 17-piece capsule collection for Mr Porter, now available around the world. The clothes range from shirts, jackets and coats to trousers, and also include a couple of suiting options, all in Theory's trademark mix of minimalist designs with modern materials and technical touches.

"The simplistic elegance of this collection perfectly captures the spirit of the Theory esthetic, and their modern approach to design make this a great fit for the Mr Porter customer," outlined Mr Porter's Toby Bateman.

Key pieces include the 4-pocket field jacket in Teflon wool (\$695), seen above. Prices for the collection as a whole range from \$245 for the white or cotton poplin shirts, up to \$1,145 for the leather jacket.

AFP

### Mash-up in the making

### Smythe and Beaufile to release blazer collaboration

The Canadian design duos behind two notable womenswear brands are teaming up and fusing their styles in a new collaboration. Smythe co-founders Andrea Lenczner and Christie Smythe have joined with sisters Chloe and Parris Gordon of ready-to-wear and accessory line Beaufile to create a blazer for spring 2015.

For the collaboration, Smythe's classic Smoking Jacket silhouette has been fashioned from jacquard. Fine artist Eve Gordon — mother to Chloe and Parris — handpainted the imagery on the garment based on a vintage Chinoiserie brocade. The blazers also showcase a Beaufile custom-designed, dragon-emblazoned brass metal button. "The design community in Toronto is small but connected. Ten years in, it's always inspiring to meet emerging designers who are making their mark," Lenczner and Smythe said in a statement.

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## Canadian street style

### Spotted in: Toronto

Name: Brit

Age: 27

Occupation: Florist & Bartender

**What she's wearing**  
Vintage 1950s Irving Posluns for La France coat, H&M sweater, vintage dress from VV, boots from the

Bay and Coach purse.

### Her inspiration

"I like to have fun with prints and silhouettes. I wear clothing that is comfortable and uber feminine. My style icons are the Olsen twins and my friends."

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# Squash moves past side dish duties

**Swedish Meatballs with Squash & Mushroom Stroganoff.** This hearty meal will warm you up on cold nights and can be served over a few different bases

"Chef Alexandra Feswick of Toronto's Drake Hotel shared this recipe with us after we tried her version at Terroir, Canada's largest annual food symposium," write Rob Firing, Ivy Knight and Kerry Knight in their book *The Everyday Squash Cook*.

"Tender meatballs, sweet squash and earthy mushrooms coated in a rich sauce make for a hearty and warming meal on a chilly evening. Her secret? A pinch of cardamom. It sounds crazy but just give it a try.

"Serve over brown rice or egg noodles, garnished with a little chopped parsley."

1. In a bowl, combine the beef and pork and season with salt

## Cookbook of the Week

### Squash in all its various glories

#### THE EVERYDAY SQUASH COOK

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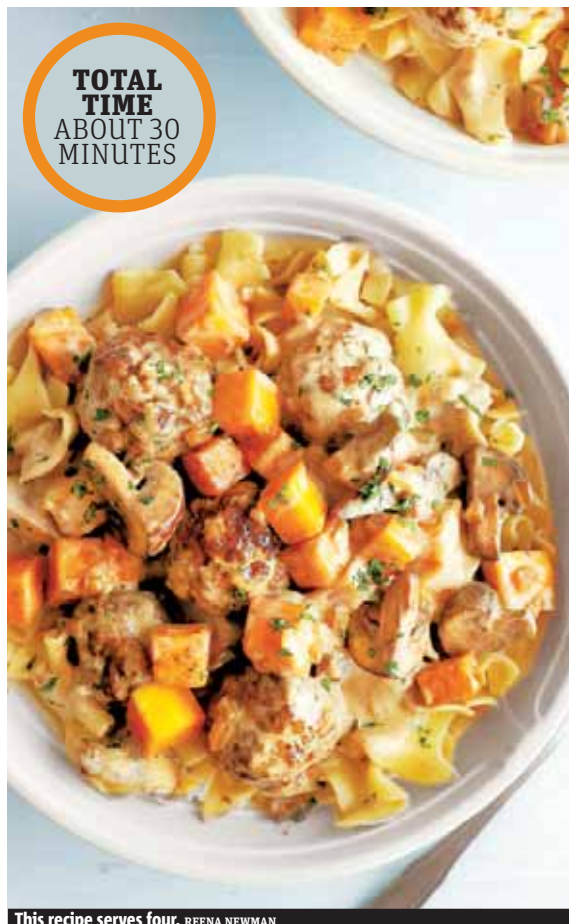
ROB FIRING, IVY KNIGHT & KERRY KNIGHT

Butternut, pumpkin and acorn may be the most popular of squash, but *The Everyday Squash Cook* introduces us to many other varieties and ways you can enjoy them.

The release by Rob Firing, Ivy Knight and Kerry Knight features more than 100 recipes and includes tips on handling, cutting and storing squash.

Among the recipes are Squash Fried Rice, Fish and Old Bay Squash Chips, Ricotta-Stuffed Zucchini Blossoms and Butternut Cranberry Pudding Cake.

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**TOTAL TIME ABOUT 30 MINUTES**

This recipe serves four. REENA NEWMAN

and pepper to taste. Using palm of your hands, form meatballs (we make ours golf ball-size).

2. In a large, oiled saucepan over medium heat, cook the meatballs in batches until browned all over. Transfer the cooked meatballs to a plate.

3. Drain all but 1 tablespoon fat from the pan. Sauté the onion until softened, about 1 1/2 minutes. Add the mushrooms and squash and stir to combine. Stir in the butter and flour. Cook, stirring constantly, for 1 to 2 minutes, until the flour darkens. Stir in the chicken

stock, then the cream and sour cream. Add the cardamom, soy sauce and allspice and stir well. Taste and adjust the seasoning with salt and pepper, if needed. Return the cooked meatballs to the pan, gently stir to combine and cook for about 5 minutes, until the squash is cooked through. If the mixture is too thick, add a splash of water or milk. Serve immediately, sprinkled with chopped parsley, if desired. **RECIPE FROM THE EVERYDAY SQUASH COOK BY ROB FIRING, IVY KNIGHT & KERRY KNIGHT © 2014. PHOTOGRAPHY © REENA NEWMAN. PUBLISHED BY HARPERCOLLINS CANADA. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.**

## Ingredients

- 1/2 lb medium ground beef
- 1/2 lb medium ground pork
- Kosher salt and fresh cracked black pepper
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 2 large button or cremini mushrooms, chopped
- 2 cups peeled chopped butternut squash
- 2 tbsp butter
- 2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1 can (14 oz) chicken stock
- 1/2 cup whipping (35%) cream
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- Pinch of ground cardamom
- 1 tsp soy sauce
- 1/4 tsp ground allspice
- Chopped fresh parsley, garnish

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# Rugged gifts for lumbersexuals

Whether your lumberjack sleeps in a studio apartment or a log cabin, any plaid-clad bearded man will appreciate gifts that add a bit of retro style to his space this Christmas



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## The cords are stacked

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## The scent of whiskers

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## Foam and substance

Create a dense, soft foam to top his favourite craft beer. Norm Architects MENU Beer Foamer, \$33, TheBay.com.



## Ready to crack open a brew

The perfect stocking stuffer for the hip beer connoisseur. John Deere Bottle Opener, \$30, JohnDeere.ca.



## In the grind scheme of things

Let your lumberjack chop the wood while you grind some freshly roasted coffee beans. HARIO Small Coffee Grinder, \$40, Amazon.ca.

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## Festive cocktail party tips



Style gurus Steven Sabados and Chris Hyndman know hosting a cocktail party is a fabulous way to celebrate

the holiday season. But without a proper plan in place, your festive affair could be forever remembered as an epic fail. They asked their resident entertaining expert Cocktail Deeva to share her tips on how to throw the ultimate cocktail soiree that will not only impress your guests, but also help you keep your cool. Steven and Chris' holiday specials air from Dec. 15-19 at 2 p.m. EST on CBC Television.

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## Timing and food are crucial

If your party starts between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., you better be feeding your guests more than a shrimp ring! But if things get underway at 8:30 p.m. or later, serving cocktails and hors d'oeuvres is acceptable.

If you have a limited amount of finger food, arrange the items on a tray and pass it around the room. That'll ensure your Uncle Bob takes one item instead of six, as it's harder for people to pig out when someone is looking at you.

If you're going buffet style, place food in different sections of the house to keep people moving.

Place a small carton or



bin in a visible place so folks have a place to throw their used picks and napkins (people always forget that one).

Make sure to give yourself time to set everything up before the party begins. Get ahead by placing dishes out days before and using labels to indicate what's going where.

## Holiday Fizz Cocktail

### Step 1: Make dark lemonade

#### Ingredients:

- 2/3 cup water
- Zest and juice of 2 lemons
- 1/4 rubbed sage
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 cloves
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon Kitchen Bouquet
- Carbonated water

Combine water, lemon zest, nutmeg, cloves, sage and sugar. Continually stir and boil for about a minute until the sugar is dissolved. Remove from

heat and stir in the lemon juice and Kitchen Bouquet. Let cool, then strain. Add roughly 1/3 cup of this syrup to 1 cup of carbonated water or combine to suit your taste. If kept in the refrigerator, dark lemonade can last up to 3 weeks.

### Step 2: Add the booze!



- 2 ounces dark lemonade
- 2 ounces gin
- 1 ounce soda
- Garnish with rosemary sprigs

## Set the mood

- Curate a music playlist that keeps the party going. Don't just plug in your personal iPod, hit shuffle and hope for the best. • Opt for slow jams when it's time to say goodnight. • To go the extra mile, load your playlist onto inexpensive USB sticks and hand them out to guests as a take-home gift!

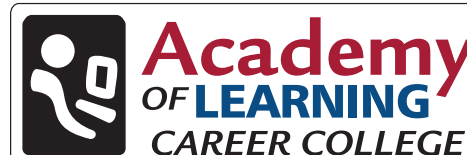
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## Luck takes a walk on the Wild's side

Canadiens forward Dale Weise falls as he skates with the puck in front of Wild defenceman Jonas Brodin and goalie Darcy Kuemper in St. Paul, Minn., Wednesday. Jason Zucker and Jason Pominville scored fluky goals to lift the Wild to a 2-1 win in the absence of their top defenceman, Ryan Suter.

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# FIFA willing to talk but on its own terms

**Turf dispute.** Players in legal battle are not expected to be present at World Cup draw to meet with FIFA official

The war of words over artificial turf at the Women's World Cup has become bogged down in semantics ahead of Saturday's draw in Ottawa.

And that is frustrating the legal team representing a rebel faction of players as it tries to chip away at the monolithic world governing body of soccer.

While a legal challenge

snakes its way through the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario, lawyers for the players have gone down a number of avenues to keep their storyline front and centre.

Jerome Valcke, FIFA's secretary-general, seemingly opened up a new path in an Oct. 29 fifa.com article when he said: "We will again welcome open dialogue at the official draw on Dec. 6 in Ottawa."

But with no players expected to be present at the draw other than Canadian captain Christine Sinclair, it appears that dialogue looks to be very limited.

Most players outside North America are in season

### The players' side

The women's legal complaint argues that playing their showcase tournament on artificial turf is tantamount to discrimination because the men play their World Cup on grass. In recent weeks, lawyers for the women have also pointed the finger at tournament prize money and the use of goal-line technology as differences between the men's and women's events in a bid to bolster their argument.

with their clubs while the U.S., China and Brazil are in Brazil for a tournament. And

Sinclair, like the other Canadian players who answer to the host Canadian Soccer Association, has been deliberately kept out of the fray.

Hampton Dellinger, the lead lawyer for the women, jumped on Valcke's "open dialogue" comment and invited the FIFA executive to participate in a conference call around the draft with American Abby Wambach, Germany's Nadine Angerer, Spain's Veronica Boquete, and Brazil's Marta.

Valcke declined the offer, telling Dellinger he was unable to meet during the time requested. But he said team representatives and FIFA officials would meet at the draw. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Death of a legend

The sport of hockey was "elevated forever" by Jean Béliveau's "character, dignity and class," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said Wednesday after the iconic player's death at the age of 83. Here are just some of the highlights from Béliveau's storied career with the Montreal Canadiens:

### Stanley Cups won

# 17

His name is on the Stanley Cup a record 17 times, having won the mug 10 times as a player and seven as an executive.

### Awards

Art Ross Trophy for most points (1956), Hart Trophy as NHL MVP (1956, 1964), Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP (1965).

### Points

# 1,219

When Béliveau retired in 1971, he was the Habs' career leader in points with 1,219. That's 507 goals and 712 assists.

### Playoff points

# 176

He's the NHL's all-time leading playoff scorer with 176 points in 162 games.



Jean Béliveau in April 1967  
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# How to top a dream season

**Marielle Thompson.** Sochi ski cross heroine still looking to improve despite being No. 1 in her sport

Following what some are calling a “dream season,” Marielle Thompson believes she still has much more to prove.

After winning gold in women’s ski cross at the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia, Thompson went on to capture her second Crystal Globe as the overall World Cup champion.

“It was kind of — people have been saying — the dream season,” said Thompson, 22, from Whistler, B.C.

Thompson will begin defence of her title this weekend at the season-opening Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup at Nakiska Ski Area outside of Calgary. “I’m just trying to build on the momentum from last year,” she said. “I’m pretty young and I feel like I’m still building on my skiing and improving.”

While Thompson won World Cup titles in 2012 and again last year, she has set her sights on winning gold at the 2015 world championship in Kreischberg, Austria, in late January. She still remembers finishing second behind Swiss skier Fanny Smith at the 2013 worlds in Voss, Norway.

“I still have things to do,”

## Good times

“It was kind of — people have been saying — the dream season.”

Sochi gold medallist Marielle Thompson

said Thompson, who beat Smith in the final World Cup race of the season last year to capture her second Crystal Globe. “It was pretty tight, but I finished with the win. It was pretty exciting because that last final heat, if she beat me, she won the overall and if I beat her, I won the overall.” Thompson began her season last year with a World Cup win at Nakiska as she finished ahead of Smith and French veteran Ophelie David.

“Last year I started off really well with a win at Nakiska, so I hope I can make that happen again,” said Thompson, who should be once again challenged by Smith and David. “The course was really fun last year and it’s the same guys building it, so I’m sure it will be awesome again.”

Both the women’s and men’s qualification runs will take place at Nakiska on Friday. “I think I get more nervous for qualifying than for racing because if you don’t qualify well, you’re not in the races,” Thompson said. The top 16 women and top 32 men will move on to Saturday’s elimination heats, which will feature four skiers racing each other down a course of jumps and bumps. The top two skiers advance to the next heat while the other two are eliminated.

“You’ve got to just be ready to race and lay it all on the line right away,” said Calgary’s Brady Leman, 28, who wants to improve on his third-place showing at Nakiska last year. “Last year was the dream season for Marielle. It was the season that almost was for me.”

“I made more medal finals than anyone else. I just had a combination of really bad luck and bad performances in the medal finals. That kind of made for a so-so season.”

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Marielle Thompson with her gold medal in Sochi GETTY IMAGES

## Downhill skiing

### Maze dominant in Lake Louise training

Tina Maze of Slovenia was fastest in training Wednesday for the first women’s World Cup downhill of the season in Lake Louise.

Maze, an Olympic gold medallist in both downhill and giant slalom this year, posted a time of one minute 50.72.

Norway’s Lotte Smiseth

Sejersted was second in 1:51.12. She was the quickest in the first training run Tuesday.

Austria’s Ramona Siebenhofer finished third in 1:52. U.S. ski star Lindsey Vonn was eighth.

Larisa Yurkiw of Owen Sound, Ont., was 46th.

A third training run is scheduled for Thursday followed by downhill races both Friday and Saturday.

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Tina Maze of Slovakia rounds a flag during training on Wednesday in Lake Louise. MARK RALSTON/AFP/GETTY IMAGES



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# Chelsea effective without Costa

## Premier League.

Backups Drogba and Remy both score in absence of star striker

Didier Drogba and Loic Remy showed Chelsea can cope without injured top scorer Diego Costa on Wednesday, with the backup strikers both scoring as the Premier League leaders swept aside Tottenham 3-0 to extend their unbeaten start to the season.

Although Tottenham threatened early on, with Harry Kane heading against the crossbar, Chelsea took control after a Drogba-to-Eden Hazard one-two created the Belgian midfielder's goal in the 19th minute.

Tottenham gifted Chelsea another goal inside three minutes, with goalkeeper Hugo Lloris' weak clearance allowing Hazard and Oscar to combine to set up Drogba. It was the 36-year-old striker's fifth goal since returning to Chelsea this season after two years away.

"It's remarkable ... he



Chelsea's Didier Drogba, right, celebrates with Branislav Ivanovic after scoring a goal against Tottenham on Wednesday in London. Scan the image with your Metro News app for a roundup of the rest of the day's Premier League action. SHAUN BOTTERILL/GETTY IMAGES

is not selfish, not vain — a humble guy who plays and fights for the team," Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho said. "The important thing is he is here and will finish his career with Chelsea. It looks, for me, that he's going to stay doing other things when he finishes his career."

After Drogba was sub-

stituted in the second half, replacement Remy exposed the feeble Tottenham defence again in the 73rd, sidefooting in the third.

Fourteen matches into the season, Chelsea stayed six points clear of champion Manchester City, which won 4-1 at Sunderland.

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## CFL

### Dickenson to take over for Hufnagel, but not until 2016

Dave Dickenson says he doesn't mind waiting another year to get his first opportunity as a CFL head coach.

John Hufnagel announced Wednesday he will be back on the sidelines next season as he tries to guide the Calgary Stampeders to a second straight Grey Cup title, but he said he will hand the reins over to Dickenson, the team's offensive co-ordinator, in 2016.

"I have one more year left on the field coaching," Hufnagel said on Wednesday afternoon.

"Then, Dave in Year 2 will become the head coach and I'll move up to just be the general manager. With that program in place, I don't think that there's a whole lot of talking necessary about another team."

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### Jazz sing the blues vs. Raps

Raptors centre Jonas Valanciunas shoots over Jazz forward Derrick Favors on Wednesday night in Salt Lake City. Raptors point guard Kyle Lowry scored 39 points, shooting 13-for-22 from the field in a 123-104 win. JIM URQUHART/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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## Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

### ♈ Aries

**March 21 - April 20**

Stay calm when dealing with relationship problems. According to the planets everything will come right in the end so why upset yourself?

### ♉ Taurus

**April 21 - May 21**

Do you focus on what others expect you to do or what you want to do? Only you can decide but if you try to get the best of both worlds you may end up with neither.

### ♊ Gemini

**May 22 - June 21**

There will be opportunities to improve yourself, personally and professionally, over the next few days but there will also be challenges that force you to make far-reaching changes.

### ♋ Cancer

**June 22 - July 23**

The only thing worse than allowing yourself to be anxious about a money matter is pretending there is nothing wrong at all. A sensible balance is needed to find a solution.

### ♌ Leo

**July 24 - Aug. 23**

You can perform an important service for a colleague today, a service that will put them in your debt. It's nice to know you can call on a favour in return.

### ♍ Virgo

**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**

You must control any tendency you may have to go to extremes, especially when involved in demanding physical and mental activities. Balance.

### ♎ Libra

**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**

If you hope for the best today, you will get it. What you need to realize is that you always attract into your life the kind of luck you think you deserve.

### ♏ Scorpio

**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**

You may be in a serious frame of mind but not everyone shares your solemn outlook. Have you considered the possibility that they've got it right and you've got it wrong?

### ♐ Sagittarius

**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**

Today's Sun-Uranus link means there are major changes on the way, changes that will benefit you in so many ways. If there is a creative project you have been toying with now is the time to get serious about it.

### ♑ Capricorn

**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**

You are in one of your rare extravagant moods and are determined to indulge. A few days from now you may regret spending so much on so little, but for now you don't care.

### ♒ Aquarius

**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**

What seems a major issue to some is no more than a sideshow to you. You're in one of those moods when you can't take anything too seriously.

### ♓ Pisces

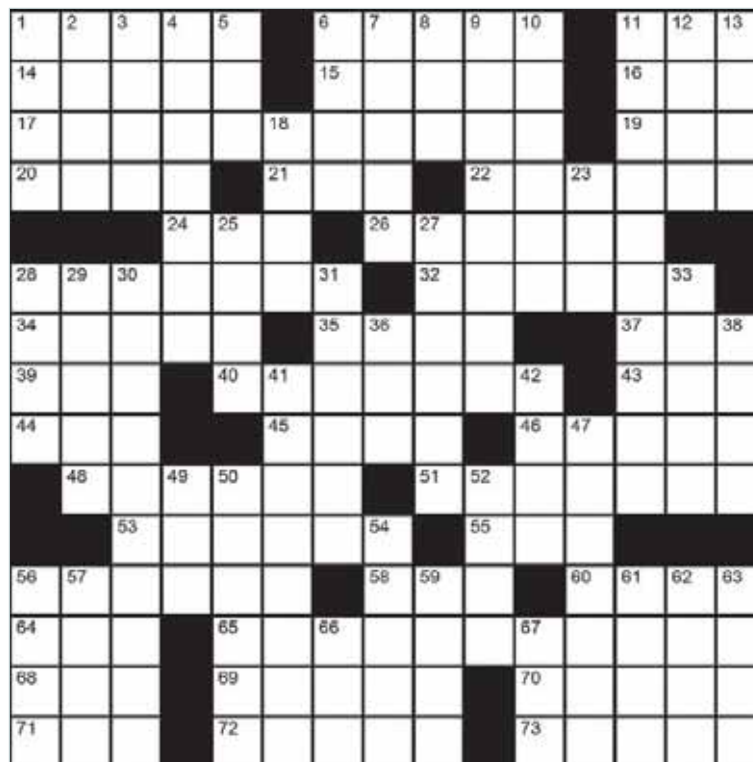
**Feb. 20 - March 20**

What occurs over the next 24 hours will remind you not all things in life are as predictable as you might like them to be.

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

### Across

1. Finely chop
6. Britney Spears, Princess \_\_\_\_
11. Radio types, e.g.
14. Mid-'90s sitcom, "\_\_\_\_ Own": 2 wds.
15. Airport arrival
16. Scoundrel
17. End a relationship: 3 wds.
19. Sash sort
20. Start to 'sack'
21. 'South' suffix
22. This battle is on!: 2 wds.
24. Tavern drink
26. Actor Gabe
28. Admiral in Antony and Cleopatra
32. Directs
34. Jean \_\_\_\_ (Quebec pharmacy chain)
35. "The Godfather" (1972) role
37. 'Rem' ender (TV clicker)
39. Affixed, abbreviated
40. Trailblazer
43. Feminine side
44. Morse Code bit
45. 'Trick' suffix
46. Australia's gemstones
48. Dan Aykroyd's "Coneheads" (1993) character
51. Saskatchewan village; or, singer Aaron
53. Calgary band, \_\_\_\_ and the Dark
55. Wilmington's US state



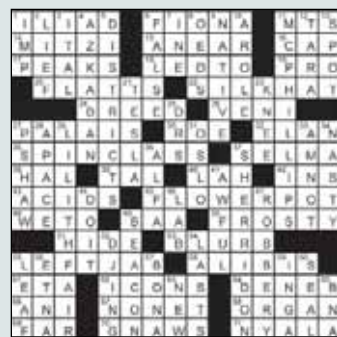
56. Safe place
58. Fruity drink
60. Chunks
64. Tokyo, formerly
65. Historic part of Quebec's largest city: 2 wds.
68. Hot Balloon link
69. "\_\_\_\_ Gold" (1997)

70. Ron Weasley's li'l sister
  71. 'Inc.' cousin
  72. Cup: French
  73. Haze/pollution mixtures
- Down**
1. Fake
  2. Aerosmith's "Love \_\_\_\_ Elevator"
  3. The Big Easy
  4. Criminal
  5. Verdi aria: "\_\_\_\_ Tu"
  6. Alphabetic sequence
  7. Get an 'F'
  8. Gambling game, \_\_\_\_ Gow

9. How Tiny Tim gets through the tulips: 2 wds.
10. Mortar and \_\_\_\_
11. Canadian brand of whisky: 2 wds.
12. \_\_\_\_ Wawa (SNL character)
13. Mix

18. Therm. reading
23. Freelancer's encl.
25. 5th Dimension's "\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ and Away"
27. Sailor's 'backward'
28. Mil. school
29. \_\_\_\_ '\_\_\_\_' (Did fine on the exam)
30. \_\_\_\_ House Provincial Historic Site (Home of Alberta's first Premier)
31. "\_\_\_\_ santel!" (To your health!, in French)
33. Tranquil
36. Dvorak's "Symphony No. 9 \_\_\_\_ Minor"
38. Massachusetts' motto starter
41. Ottawa-born country singer Kira
42. Amble
47. "Scott \_\_\_\_ vs. the World" starring actor Michael Cera
49. Bucharest money
50. Certain canoe
52. Biblical garden
54. Titles
56. Authentic
57. Revise
59. Pharmacy quantity
61. Vintner's prefix
62. Loud sound
63. Singer Mr. Stone's
66. Cap-\_\_\_\_Rosiers (Village in Quebec, home of Canada's tallest lighthouse)
67. "30 Rock" sketch, '\_\_\_\_' with Tracy Jordan'

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